

JOY IN GOD GIVEN PEACE

27C Sunday Ordinary Time

Read the Lectionary Ecologically

[Hab 1; Ps 94; I T 1; Lk 17]

*The upright will live by faithfulness
Harden not your hearts
Ring out your joy to the Lord
The flock that is led by his hand
They tried me even though they saw my work
Fan into flame the gift God gave you
God's gift is not a spirit of timidity
Never to be ashamed of witnessing.*

Greeting

Today the Scriptures remind us to celebrate with joy that God has called us as friends and missionary disciples. Have we been ashamed to say that we are God's servants?

St Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God.

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Prayers of the Faithful

1. Peace - God gives humankind all creatures as brother and sister. That State leaders look beyond borders with structured relief so all nations can live in peace ... we pray
2. Singing –God creates music in the sound of the waves and the wind in the trees. That our parish hymns remember God's works with joy, thanks and commitment to care... we pray
3. Freedom – God's teachings are demanding but lead to freedom. That we hear the cries of those oppressed by tyrannical work conditions and advocate for reform ... we pray
4. Sustainability - God takes us beyond what our minds can imagine. That we support farmers standing for ecological sustainability even when economically pressed ... we pray
5. Ocean – Lord you made the ocean a source of mystery for your Chosen people. That we hear the ocean scientists who open to us its hidden complexity and beauty ... we pray

The same mindset which stands in the way of making radical decisions to reverse the trend of global warming also stands in the way of achieving the goal of eliminating poverty.

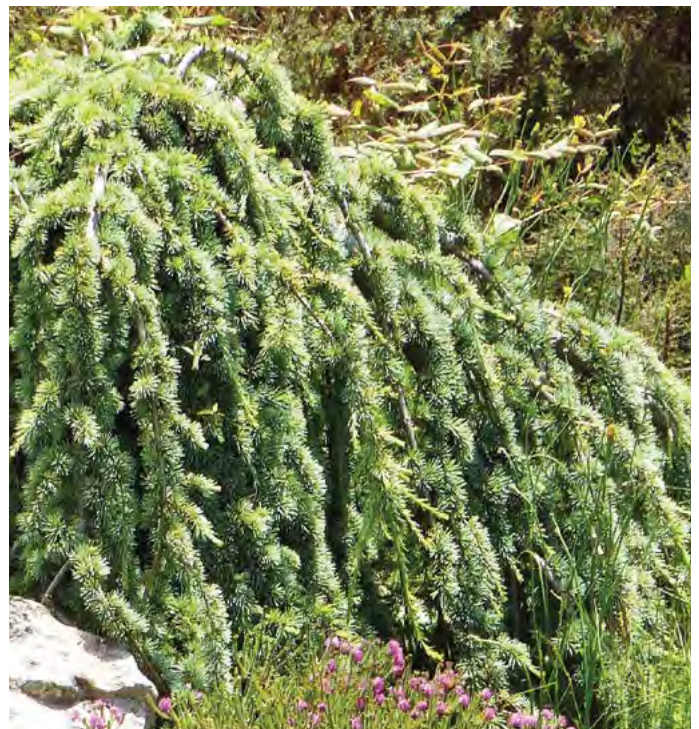
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Preface Prayer

Creator and Father, ever-faithful God, it is right to give you thanks through your Son, Jesus the Christ. Peace is your gift for all peoples. It shatters hard hearts. Nations choose to be led by you into ways that respect difference and appreciate a variety of cultures. God faithfully works to fan the flame of commitment to peace for humanity and Earth as its common home. Timid hearts grow in confidence to witness to peace by the way they live, celebrating each new step with joy. So, we join with the choirs of heaven, all people of good will and Earth itself as we sing, Holy, holy ...

Dismissal

In this Eucharist we have celebrated the abiding presence of the Spirit of Jesus. We go as missionaries imagining an Earth of peace for future generations of every species.



Season of Creation

Liturgy uses the symbolic value of material things and actions to make present the divine. While Bernard Crooke warned that over dependence on intermediaries can lead to the 'The Distancing of God', new understanding of the ecology-faith link brings the divine closer. Liturgical celebration of creation is a real step in growing harmony and peace with Earth itself.

Champions and Saints

Norman Habel, ordained as a Lutheran minister he became a Biblical scholar, writer and missionary in India. He initiated The Earth Bible five volume series and led an ecumenical movement to include The Season of Creation as part of the liturgical prayer year within Church communities.

keep in mind the principle of subsidiarity, which grants freedom to develop the capabilities present at every level of society, while also demanding a greater sense of responsibility for the common good.

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Mysticism

The life of Saint and Pope John XXIII exemplifies a spirituality of happy service – student chaplain and diplomat, pastor and pope. He gently advanced global peace, ecumenism and dialogue. Opening the Vatican windows to the Holy Spirit he convened the Second Vatican Council for the pastoral renewal of Church. Its first degree was on liturgy. It gives a new basis to express creation theology and spirituality.

Ecological Insight

French winemakers developed the term terroir by observing variations in wines from different regions, vineyards, or even different sections of the same vineyard. It described the unique aspects of a particular place. Planting the right vine in the right place is a story for all - how to wisely grow humanity as well as preserve land - a vision of harmony and peace. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terroir>



Local Culture

The whole church is fully-present in the local church as inculturaton (Lumen Gentium #13). The nuns in the Rhine monastery of St Hildegard of Bingen, created new medical cures for the sick and chants for their chapel. They would feel at home at Genesis Farm and other modern ecology-spirituality centres.

a critique of the “myths” of a modernity grounded in a utilitarian mindset (individualism, unlimited progress, competition, consumerism, the unregulated market).

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